

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 52 and 53, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter.

Please amend Claims 9-11, 13-15 and 34-42, to read as follows.

1-8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) A server comprising:

a detection unit ~~adapted~~ configured to detect a new text inserted in a web page;

a deletion unit ~~adapted~~ configured to delete ~~registered~~ one or more character strings from the new text ~~detected by said detection unit in order to avoid converting the registered character strings into synthetic speech~~, wherein the ~~registered~~ one or more character strings are ~~the same as character strings~~ registered in a predetermined user information file;

a first conversion unit ~~adapted~~ configured to convert the new text, from which the ~~registered~~ one or more character strings have been deleted by said deletion unit, into a phonetic character string; and

a second conversion unit configured to convert the phonetic character string into synthetic speech; and

a transmission unit ~~adapted~~ configured to transmit the synthetic speech to a client if mode information registered in the user information file indicates a first mode, to transmit the phonetic character string converted by said conversion unit to [[a]] the client if

the mode information indicates a second mode, and to transmit the new text, from which the one or more character strings have been deleted, to the client if the mode information indicates a third mode.

10. (Currently Amended) The server according to claim 9, wherein said transmission unit transmits ~~to the client~~ synthetic speech that represents a title of the web page to the client if the mode information indicates the first mode, transmits a phonetic character string corresponding to a that represents the title of the web page together with the phonetic character string converted by said conversion unit to the client if the mode information indicates the second mode, and transmits a character string that represents the title of the web page to the client if the mode information indicates the third mode.

11. (Currently Amended) The server according to claim 9, wherein said transmission unit transmits ~~to the client~~ synthetic speech that represents a creation date of the new text to the client if the mode information indicates the first mode, transmits a phonetic character string corresponding to a that represents the creation date of the new text together with the phonetic character string converted by said conversion unit to the client if the mode information indicates the second mode, and transmits a character string that represents the creation date of the new text to the client if the mode information indicates the third mode.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling a server, the method comprising the steps of:

detecting a new text inserted in a web page;

deleting ~~registered~~ one or more character strings from the new text ~~detected~~
~~in said detection step in order to avoid converting the registered character strings into~~
~~synthetic speech~~, wherein the ~~registered~~ one or more character strings are ~~the same as~~
~~character strings~~ registered in a predetermined user information file;

converting the new text, from which the ~~registered~~ one or more character
strings have been deleted in said deletion step, into a phonetic character string; and

converting the phonetic character string into synthetic speech;

transmitting the synthetic speech to a client if mode information registered
in the user information file indicates a first mode;

transmitting the phonetic character string ~~converted in said converting step~~
to ~~[[a]]~~ the client if the mode information indicates a second mode; and

transmitting the new text, from which the one or more character strings have
been deleted, to the client if the mode information indicates a third mode.

14. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 13, ~~wherein~~
~~said transmitting step includes a step~~ further comprising the steps of:

transmitting synthetic speech that represents a title of the web page to the
client if the mode information indicates the first mode;

~~transmitting to the client a phonetic character string corresponding to a that~~
~~represents the~~ title of the web page ~~together with the phonetic character string converted in~~
~~said converting step~~ to the client if the mode information indicates the second mode; and
transmitting a character string that represents the title of the web page to the
client if the mode information indicates the third mode.

15. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 13, ~~wherein~~
~~said transmitting step includes a step~~ further comprising the steps of:

transmitting synthetic speech that represents a creation date of the new text
to the client if the mode information indicates the first mode;

~~transmitting to the client a phonetic character string corresponding to a that~~
~~represents the~~ creation date of the new text ~~together with the phonetic character string~~
~~converted in said converting step~~ to the client if the mode information indicates the second
mode; and

transmitting a character string that represents the creation date of the new
text to the client if the mode information indicates the third mode.

16-33. (Canceled)

34. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus
comprising:

a reception unit ~~adapted~~ configured to receive one of a new text inserted in a
web page, a first phonetic character string that represents [[a]] the new text inserted in a

web page and first synthetic speech that represents the new text from a server, wherein the new text does not include one or more character strings registered in a user information file;

a first conversion unit configured to convert the new text into a second phonetic character string;

a second conversion unit adapted configured to convert one of the first and second phonetic character string that represents the new text strings into second synthetic speech; and

a speech output unit adapted configured to output one of the first synthetic speech and the second synthetic speech,

wherein said the server includes a detection unit adapted to detect the new text from the web page, a deleting unit adapted to delete registered character strings from the new text detected by the detection unit in order to avoid converting the registered character strings into synthetic speech, wherein the registered character strings are the same as character strings registered in a predetermined file, a phonetic conversion unit adapted to convert the new text from which the registered character strings have been deleted by said deletion unit, into the phonetic character string, and a transmission unit adapted configured to transmit the first synthetic speech to the information processing apparatus if mode information registered in the user information file indicates a first mode, to transmit the first phonetic character string converted by said phonetic conversion unit to the information processing apparatus if the mode information indicates a second mode, and to transmit the new text to the information processing apparatus if the mode information indicates a third mode.

35. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 34, wherein said reception unit receives one of a character string, a phonetic character string, ~~corresponding to~~ and synthetic speech that represents a title of the web page ~~together with the phonetic character string converted by said phonetic conversion unit.~~

36. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 34, wherein said reception unit receives one of a character string, a phonetic character string, ~~corresponding to~~ and synthetic speech that represents a creation date of the new text ~~together with the phonetic character string converted by said phonetic conversion unit.~~

37. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 34, wherein said speech output unit outputs a predetermined sound or speech before outputting one of the first synthetic speech and the second synthetic speech.

38. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 34, wherein said information processing apparatus is one of a portable telephone, PDA (Personal Digital Assistant), and computer.

39. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling an information processing apparatus, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving one of a new text inserted in a web page, a first phonetic character string that represents [[a]] the new text inserted in a web page and first synthetic speech

that represents the new text from a server, wherein the new text does not include one or more character strings registered in a user information file;

converting the new text into a second phonetic character string;

converting one of the first and second phonetic character string that represents the new text strings into second synthetic speech; and

outputting one of the first synthetic speech and the second synthetic speech,

wherein the server includes a detection unit adapted to detect the new text from the web page, a deleting unit adapted to delete registered character strings from the new text detected by the detection unit in order to avoid converting the registered character strings into synthetic speech, wherein the registered character strings are the same as character strings registered in a predetermined file, a conversion unit adapted to convert the new text from which the registered character strings have been deleted by said deleting unit, into the phonetic character string, and a transmission unit adapted configured to transmit the first synthetic speech to the information processing apparatus if mode information registered in the user information file indicates a first mode, to transmit the first phonetic character string converted by said conversion unit to the information processing apparatus if the mode information indicates a second mode, and to transmit the new text to the information processing apparatus if the mode information indicates a third mode.

40. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 39, ~~wherein~~
~~said receiving step includes~~ further comprising a step of receiving one of a character string,

a phonetic character string, ~~corresponding to~~ and synthetic speech that represents a title of the web page ~~together with the phonetic character string converted by said conversion unit.~~

41. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 39, ~~wherein~~ ~~said receiving step includes~~ further comprising a step of receiving one of a character string, a phonetic character string, ~~corresponding to~~ and synthetic speech that represents a creation date of the new text ~~together with the phonetic character string converted by said~~ ~~conversion unit.~~

42. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 39, ~~wherein~~ ~~said outputting step includes~~ further comprising a step of outputting a predetermined sound or speech before outputting one of the first synthetic speech and the second synthetic speech.

43-53. (Canceled)

54. (Previously Presented) The server according to claim 9, wherein the phonetic character string includes characters for representing pronunciations of words.

55. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein the phonetic character string includes characters for representing pronunciations of words.

56. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 34, wherein the phonetic character string includes characters for representing pronunciations of words.

57. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 39, wherein the phonetic character string includes characters for representing pronunciations of words.